

July 1, 2009 Morning Highlights 2009-23 Time: 11:00 a.m. Contact:

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Prevent Wildland Fires this 4th of July Holiday! You are responsible for fires you start...

Please use caution with anything that could start a fire as you enjoy your time in the outdoors.

Outlook for the Week

General weather conditions statewide are warming and drying into the weekend. Recreationists should be cautious with anything that could start a wildland fire.

Wildland Fire Update

Two new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Tuesday. One was for a false alarm and the other was for the Rock Slough Fire, a lightning caused fire burning in black spruce and tundra. It is located approximately 55 miles northeast of Fort Yukon, is about 1 acre in size, and is burning in the Yukon Flats Wildlife Refuge. It is being monitored.

The Little Black One Fire, also in the Yukon Flats Wildlife Refuge, about 31 miles southeast of Chalkyitsik, was started by lightning June 20. It is still active and gained approximately 4,500 acres and is now about 17,036 acres in size.

Fifty-four fires are still active in Alaska and none are currently staffed. So far this year, 321 fires have burned 313,849 acres statewide. For additional fire information, visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf.

Burn Permits

Please contact your local Division of Forestry Office for permitted burn information.

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
 - National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in ÅK:
 http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/
 Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/

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